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Charlie Chaplin Was Once a Member of the Frohman Forces

During the visit of William Gillette to this city recently with "Diplomacy" at the National Theatre, it became known that Charlie Chaplin, whose personality is 75 per cent of the real motion picture comedy, no matter how we might quarrel with his methods, first made his appearance in a grown-up part with Mr. Gillette in "Sherlock Holmes."

It is rather difficult to imagine Chaplin in the character of the bright office boy Billy, in Gillette's great drama, but it is a fact nevertheless. Chaplin was living in London, then, his native city. He was practically born on the stage, both his father and mother having been in the profession. As a child he was apprenticed to a company of acrobats and tumblers, and learned all there is to know of acrobatics.

He was placed in school when he was twelve years old, and after leaving school as a youth he became connected with one of the late Charles Frohman's companies in London. It was while in Mr. Frohman's employ that Chaplin was drafted to play the part of Billy in the London production of "Sherlock Holmes" with Gillette. He played the part throughout the English run of the piece.

Before that—as a boy—he appeared in the leading part in a melodrama called "From Rags to Riches," which was written in this country to suit the peculiar personality of Joseph Santley as a boy and was Anglified to fit the abilities of Chaplin.

After these engagements Chaplin and his brother Sidney, became members of Fred Karno's Company playing a sketch called "A Night in an English Music Hall," in which company Billy, Reeves and Billie Ritchie, both now motion picture actors, were also members. It was in this sketch that the curious character Chaplin has made known to the motion picture audiences, was originated.

Charlie Chaplin is twenty-five years old. He has very dark hair that is extremely curly and "bushy," as is shown in the pictures, and very dark eyes.

He plans his plays as he makes them and no one in his company can ever tell what he will do next—either before the camera or when the camera is not working. He is a practical joker, it is stated, and no person with whom he is thrown in contact—no matter how exalted his position—can feel safe while Chaplin is in his vicinity.

At the same time there is no person more surprised at the success of his own comedy than Chaplin was when he first appeared on the screen.

"The first time I looked at myself on the screen, however, I was ready to resign," the Motion Picture Magazine quotes him as saying. "That can't be I, I thought. Then when I realized it was I, I said 'Good-night'—strange enough, I was told that the picture was a scream. I had always been ambitious to work in drama, and it certainly was the surprise of my life when I got away with the comedy stuff."

"Comedy really is a serious study," he said, "although it must not be taken seriously. That sounds like a paradox, but it is not. It is a serious study to learn characters, it is a hard study. But to make comedy a success there must be an ease, a spontaneity in the acting that cannot be associated with seriousness."

"I lay out my study and study my character thoroughly. I even follow the character I am to represent for miles or sit and watch him at his work before I attempt to portray him."

"With the plot in my mind, I go before the camera without the slightest notion of what I am going to do. I try to lose myself. I am the character I am representing, and I try to act just as I have previously thought the character would act under the same circumstances."

TODAY'S BEST FILMS

By GARDNER MACK.

Edmund Drees in "The Shooting of Dan McGrew," from the poem by Robert A. Service (Metro Films), Crandall, Ninth and E streets.

Thomas Jefferson in "Rip Van Winkle" (U. A. Rolfe), the Lafayette, E. between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets.

Anita Stewart and Earle Williams in "The Sort of Girl Who Came From Heaven" (Vitagraph), the Olympic, Thirteenth and E streets.

King Baggot in "The Corsican Brothers," from the story by Alexander Dumas (Imp), the Masonic Auditorium, Thirteenth street and New York avenue.

Dan Moyle in "Who's Who in Society" (Kleene), the Strand, Ninth and D streets.

"As a Man Sings," the Garden, 423 Ninth street.

Leona Hutton and Jack Nelson in "The Riddle of the Wooden Leg" (Kay-Bey), the American First street and Rhode Island avenue.

Richard Stanton and Margaret Thompson in "The Sons of Toil" (Domino), the Stanton, Sixth street and Massachusetts avenue northeast.

Charles Ray, Herschel Mayall and Louise Glumm in "The Henchman" (Broncho), the Empire, 915 H street northeast.

Sidney Ayres and Doris Pava in "Tiny Hands" (Powers), the Ambassador, 519 Seventh street.

Dolly Larkin in "Beginning at the End" (United Program), Aragon Park, Eighth street and Maryland avenue northeast.

Robert Farnell in "The Convent Conspiracy" (United Program), the Pastime, 477 Pennsylvania avenue.

Note—These selections are made from programs prepared by the managers of the theaters concerned and no responsibility is assumed for arbitrary changes without notice to "The Times." They are based on the personality of the players and the producing company and not personal inspection, except in special cases.—G. M.

Connecticut House "Wet."

HARTFORD, May 13.—The house of representatives, by a vote of 82 to 66, voted indefinitely to postpone a resolution which would have passed on to the next assembly for ratification a constitutional amendment prohibiting the making and selling of intoxicating liquors in Connecticut.

PHOTOPLAYS AND PHOTOPLAYERS

By GARDNER MACK.



RUTH BLAIR.

One of the stars of the United Program to be seen at the Pastime Theater and Aragon Park.

CITIZENS ASK MORE TENLEYTOWN POLICE

Acting on a report of its committee on fire and police protection, the Connecticut Avenue Citizens' Association today is putting forth its endeavor to have the Tenleytown subprecinct of the Police Department raised to the status of a precinct, which would mean that more policemen would be distributed through the twelve square miles of territory involved.

Copies of resolutions adopted by the association following the submission of the committee's report at last night's meeting were forwarded to the commissioners and Mayor Pullman today.

As explained in the report, the Tenleytown subprecinct has a staff of twenty-seven men, including a lieutenant, sergeants, and patrolmen. Patrolling the twelve square miles embraced in the subprecinct territory at any time during either the day or night, there is never any more than nine men. The average number on duty is six, the report declared.

The association passed resolutions urging an addition of eight rooms and an assembly hall for "social center" meetings at the Chevy Chase School. Superintendent of Schools Thurston, who addressed the association on what is being done in the public schools, endorsed the assembly hall proposition. Superintendent Thurston outlined to the members of the association the vocational training and pre-vocational training which the school authorities are undertaking.

He dwelt particularly on the "salesmanship" which has been instituted in the school system and explained how the course taught the students how to approach people in both business and social work. He explained how the school authorities were trying to ascertain the particular line of work to which students in the District could adapt themselves after they finish school and declared that with this object in view the vocational training would be directed.

A resolution to request the Commissioners to place speed warning signs on both sides of the road near the Chevy Chase School was adopted. The association adjourned to meet June 3, on which occasion the wives, daughters, and other feminine relatives of the members will be entertained.

West Virginia Solons In Special Session

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., May 12.—Governor Hatfield has called the West Virginia legislature to meet in special session May 18, primarily for enactment of laws to increase revenues of the State. Consideration of appropriation bills, stream pollution measures and rectification of defects in existing laws also are included.

Mothers Tell of Mother's Friend

Experience is or should be our best teacher. Women who have obeyed the "Mother's Friend" there is ample reason to believe it the right kind of advice.

Its purpose is to furnish pliancy to the muscles, to take away the strain on the cords and ligaments, to relieve the tension of nerves and tendons so apt to provoke or aggravate nausea, morning sickness, twitches of the limbs and so on. It is applied externally.

Although, in the nature of things, a woman would use "Mother's Friend" but rarely, yet so effective has it been found that this splendid remedy is on sale in most drug stores throughout the United States. It has been prepared by Bradford Regulator Co., Lamar, Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., and advertised by us for over twenty years. Ask at the drug store for a bottle of "Mother's Friend." It is worth while.

—Adv.

Boy Baby Found In Front of House

Police Seek Mother of Infant
Picked Up On Bench At
Washington Circle.

Warmly dressed in underwear, cap and coat of the best quality, a boy baby five weeks old, was found on an iron bench in front of 2213 Washington circle early today and is being cared for at St. Ann's Infant Asylum, while the police are making an effort to find the mother. The little fellow was discovered on the bench by Miss Mamie Clark, of 2215 Washington circle, when she alighted from a Pennsylvania avenue car and started to her home. Policeman E. L. Blake took the baby to St. Ann's, on the opposite side of the circle.

Date With "Personal Friend" Wins Acquittal

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 12.—When Walter Allen was arraigned in the magistrate's court today charged with being full of anti-prohibition propaganda to such an extent as to be unseaworthy, he entered an excuse which fairly swept him out of court by merit of its novelty. "You are charged," said the court, "with having overestimated your own capacity. What have you to hicough?" Walter, who has been giving excuses for so long a time that he is fairly good at it, turned away.

When he had regained his composure and balance tears started to his pretty blue eyes.

"Judge," he said, "I have an engagement with a personal friend. I must go away from here."

"Away," asked the court.

"Yes," answered Walter, "away. I have an engagement with a personal friend, and so, this time, I must go away from here."

"Who's your friend?" asked the court.

"My wife," said the court, visibly touched.

Niece of Edwin Booth Asks Husband's Arrest

NEW YORK, May 12.—Mrs. Marie Booth Douglas, niece of Edwin Booth, and at one time widely known as an actress, applied to Supreme Court Justice Weeks yesterday for an order of arrest against her husband, Byron Douglas, an actor, from whom she has been separated for several years.

Mrs. Douglas's attorney, S. F. Peavey, said that Douglas had defaulted in payments of alimony.

The Douglases were married in Jefferson City, Mo., in 1902, and their marriage difficulties began almost immediately. Several years ago Mrs. Douglas sued Richard Mansfield for \$3,000, which, she alleged, was due her for her interest in a play called "The Master of Ceremonies."

Sues on Canfield Policy.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Luke Vincent Lockwood, executor of the estate of Richard A. Canfield, began suit in the supreme court against the New York Life Insurance Company for \$23,216.90 on an insurance policy.



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MANY RED CROSS HOSPITALS

In the war zone have ordered Allen's Foot-Paste, the antiseptic powder, for use among the convalescent troops. Shaken into the shoes or dissolved in the foot bath, it gives refreshing rest and prevents the feet getting tired or foot-sore. Drug and department stores everywhere sell it. Don't accept any substitute.—Adv.

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Q. Will you please tell me in your pure food column if Graham Flour is of as much benefit as Gluten Flour for diabetics? If not, please give directions for making bread of Gluten Flour.

A. It is generally regarded that gluten flour, which is lower in carbohydrates than is Graham flour, is of more advantage in the treatment of certain forms of diabetes. The advice of a competent physician should be followed in this connection.

Q. I am sending you sample of canning compound. Please tell me if it contains anything harmful.

A. Sample you submit consists essentially of salt and boracic acid. It does contain an injurious and harmful ingredient, to wit, boric or boracic acid, which is a very potent poison. It may be in the treatment of inflamed and sore eyes and as a subsidiary remedy in skin disease, it has no proper place in a food product.

Q. Do you think that one who is inclined to embolism should continue eating potatoes to any extent?

A. Potatoes are rich in starch. Their most important mineral ingredients are salts of potassium. As a tissue building food the potato has been overrated. The moderate use of these vegetables is not liable to aggravate the condition you mention.

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